

I went home to visit my parents for the first time in a long while. The clouds I saw out the airplane window were very pleasant and made me remember that I like clouds.

-Masashi Kishimoto, 2008

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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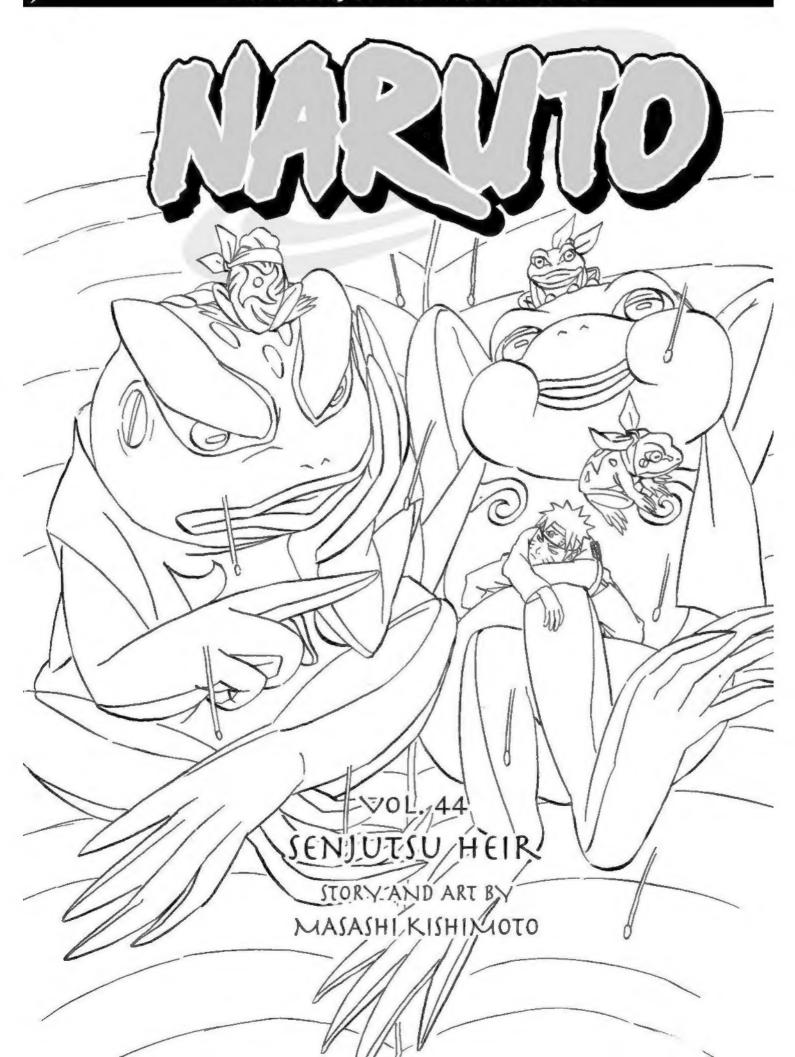


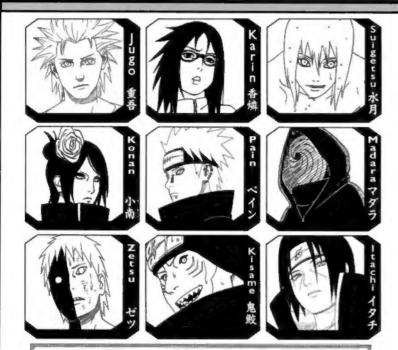
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THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and head out once more. As their flerce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki rage on, Sasuke rebels against Orochimaru and takes everything from him. Sasuke then gathers new companions and chases after Itachi. The heroic sibling battle eventually concludes with Itachi's grim death. Sasuke may have fulfilled his lifelong goal, but Madara then tells him the tragic truth about his older brother, Itachi—how he achieved revenge against the Uchiha clan by allowing Sasuke to defeat him and become Konaha's hero. After discovering Itachi's true motivations, Sasuke renames his team Taka, claiming to exist for one sole reason: to destroy Konoha!!



















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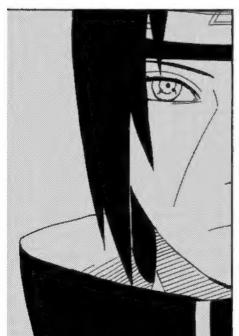




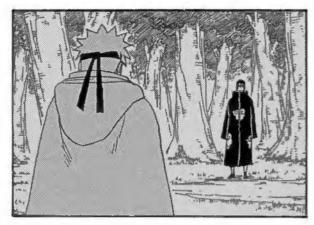






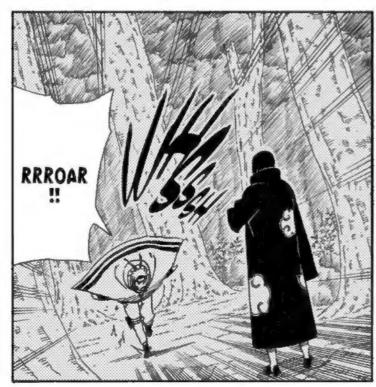


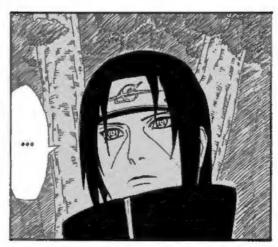








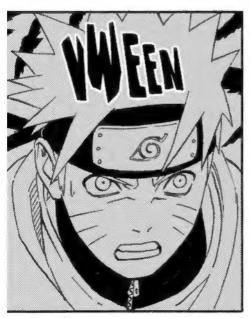


















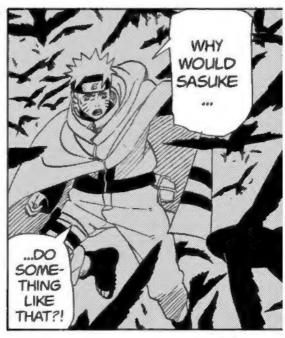




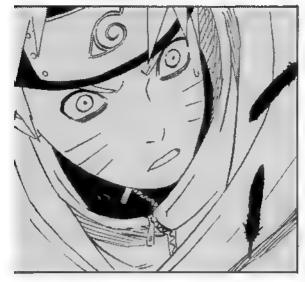










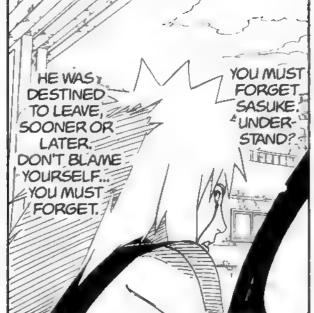
































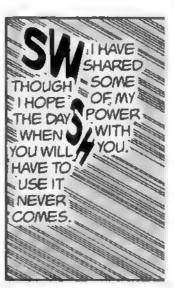






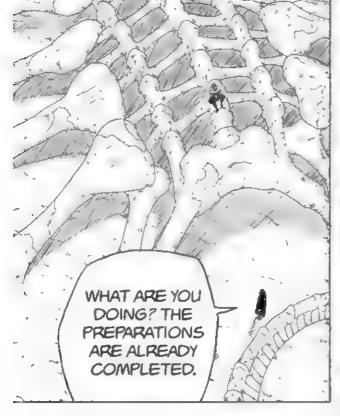


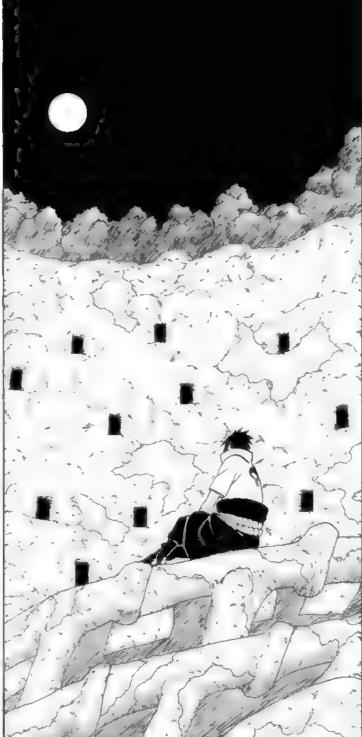


















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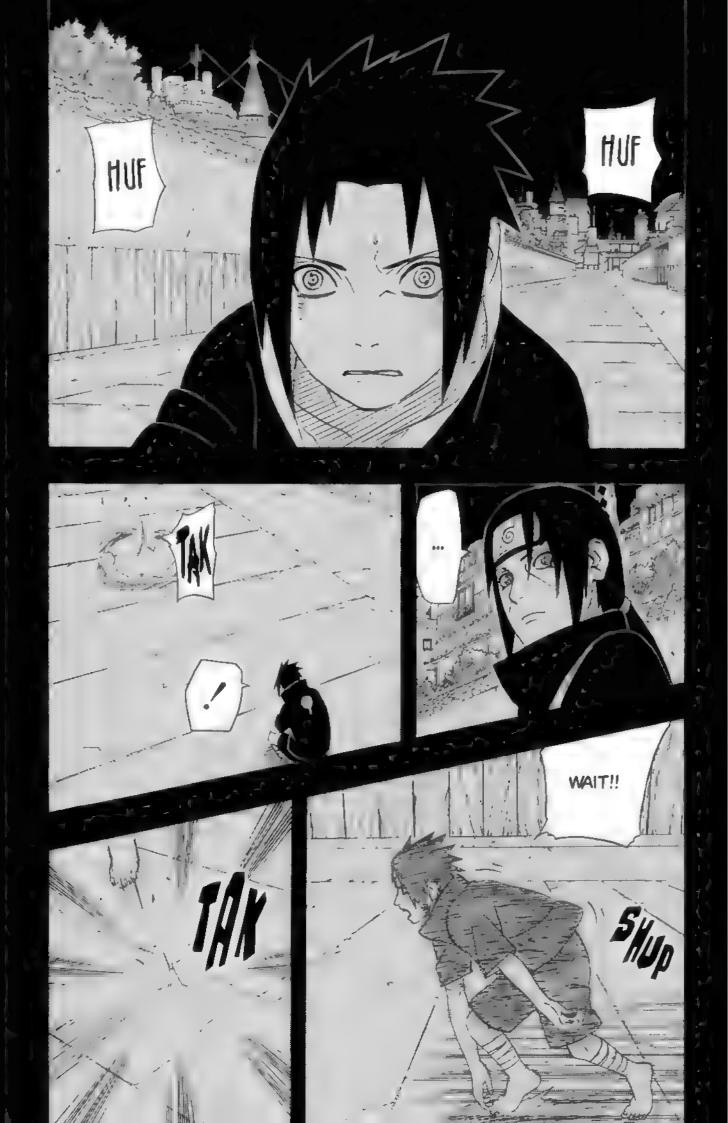


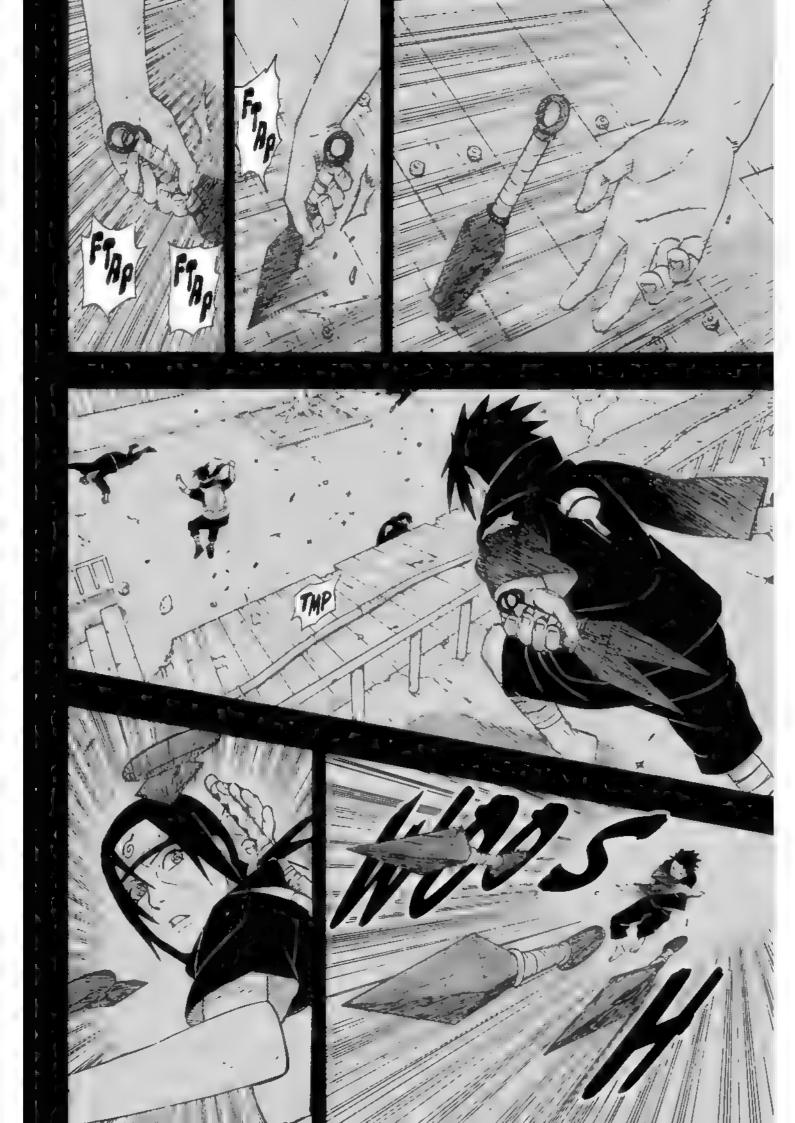


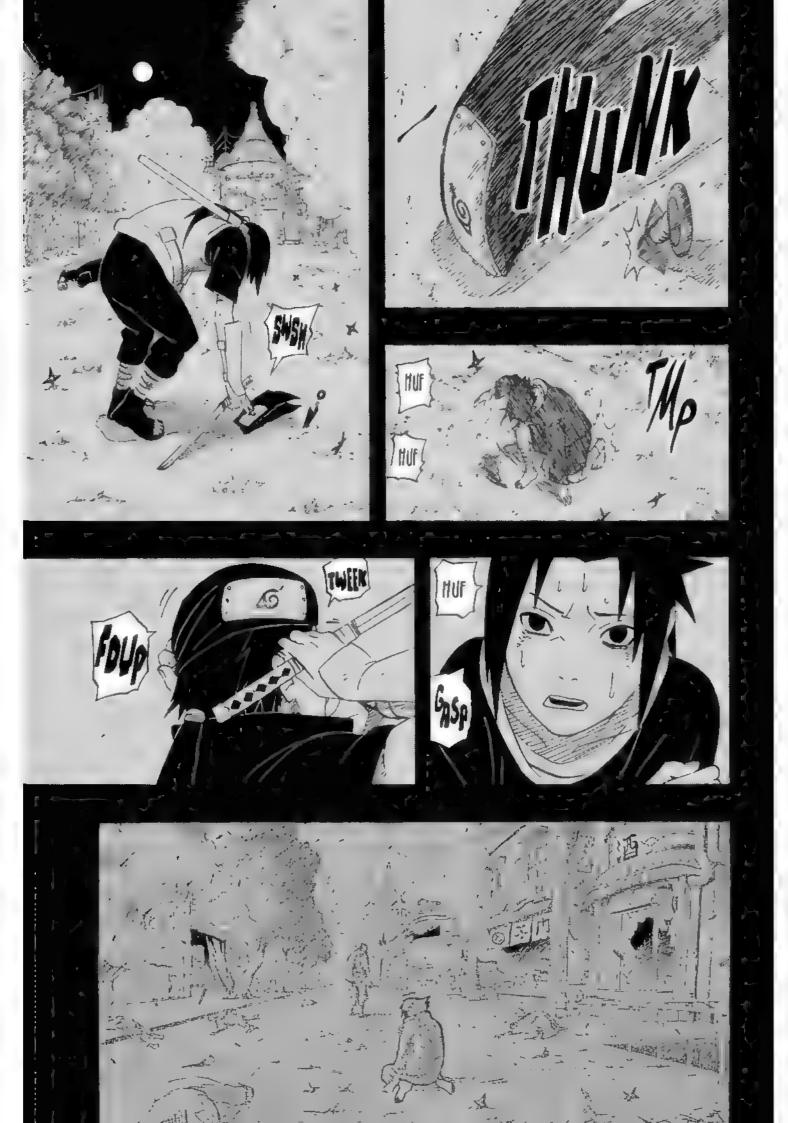


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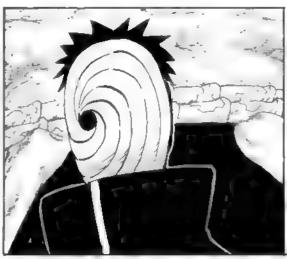
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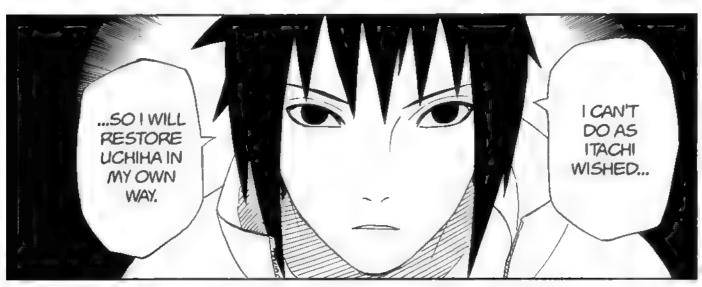


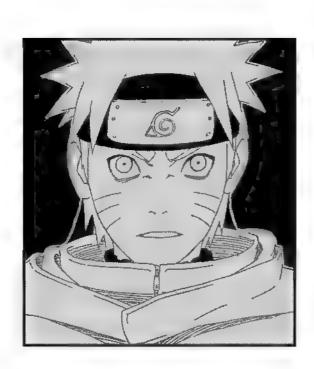






















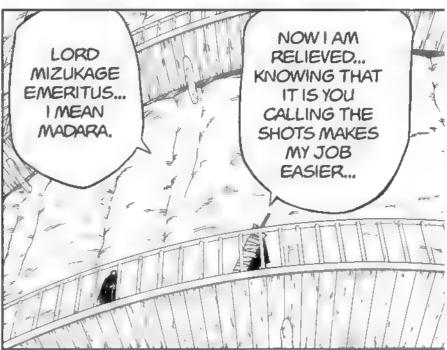


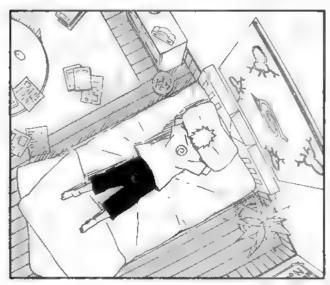


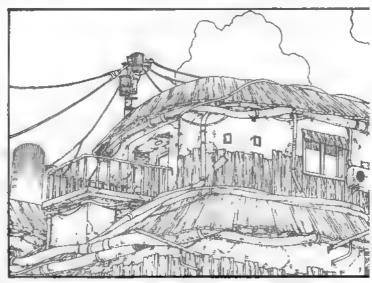
































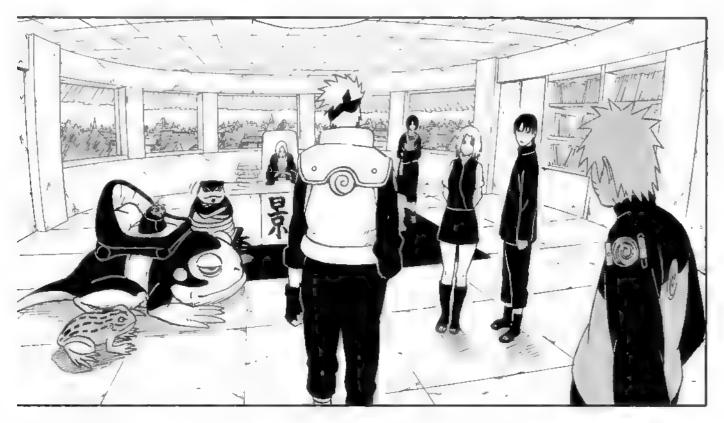


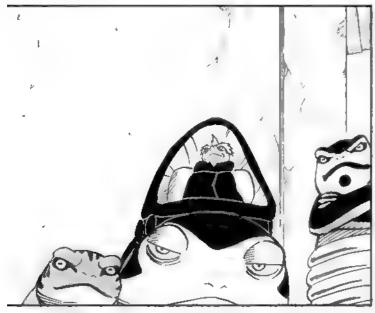


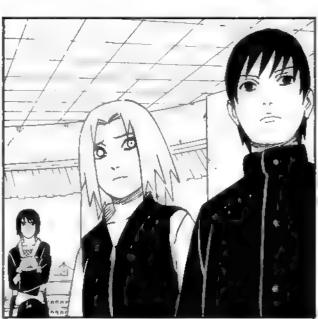


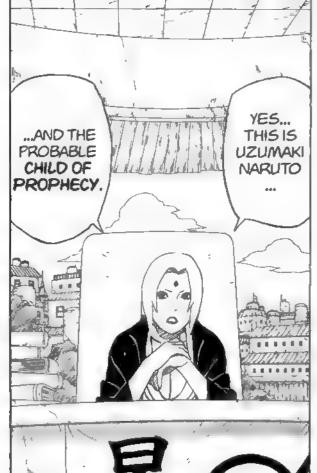
















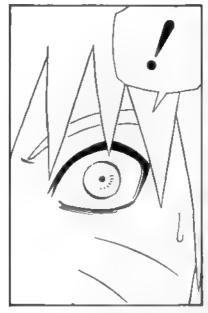
















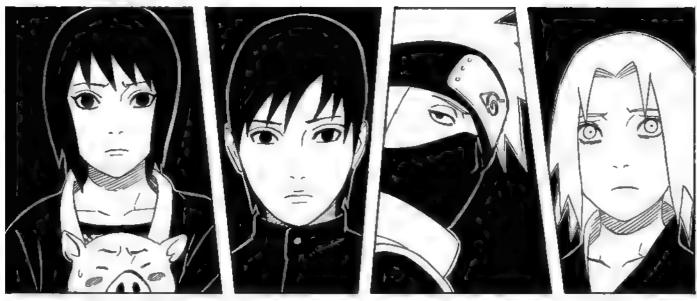


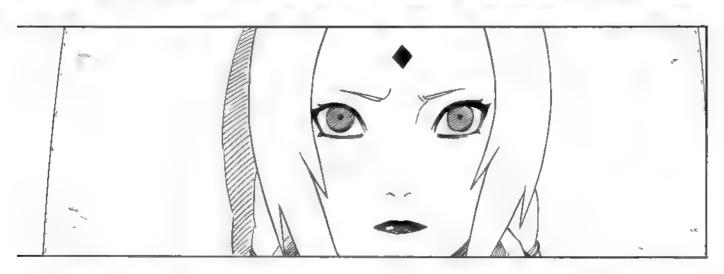






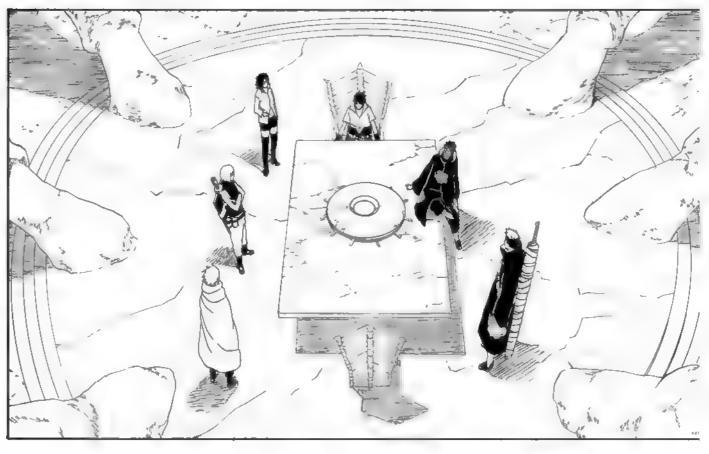


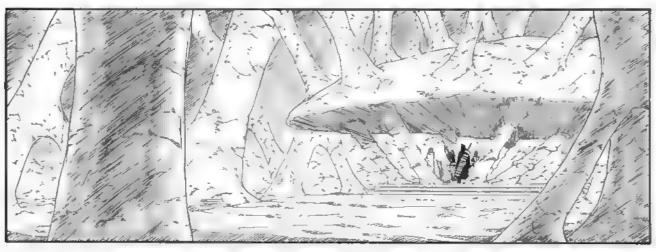






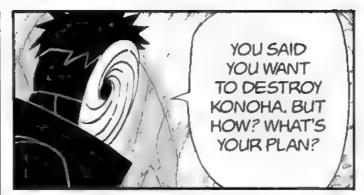


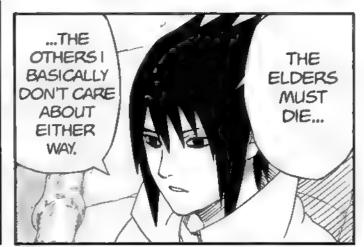




























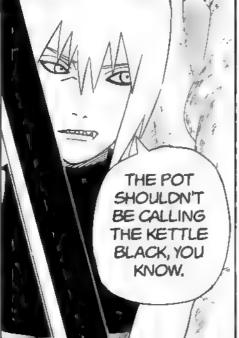










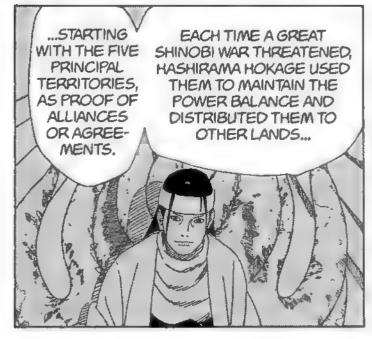
















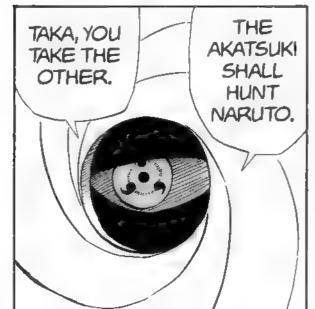






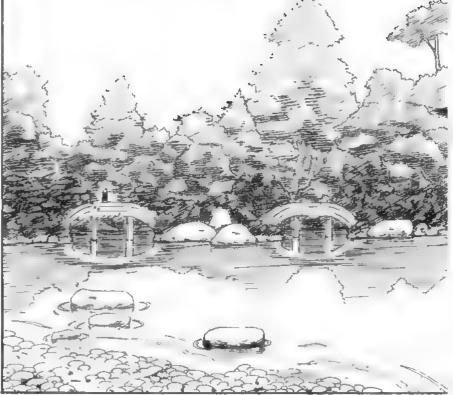












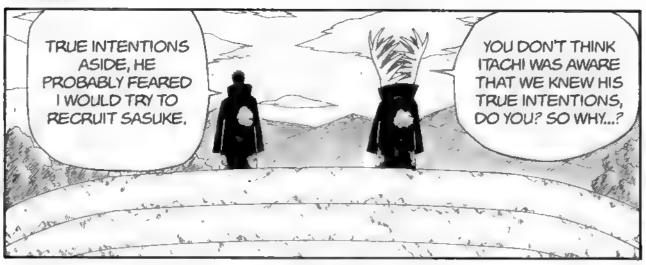
























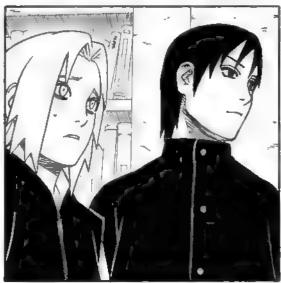






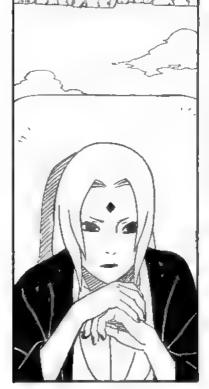






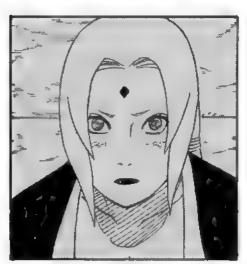












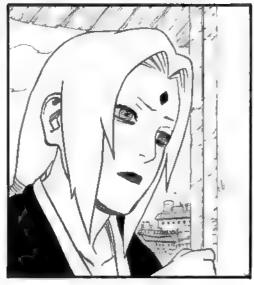








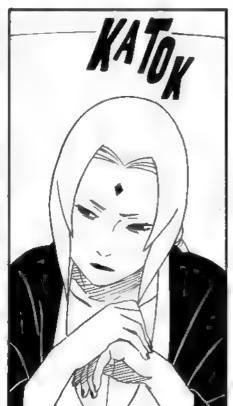












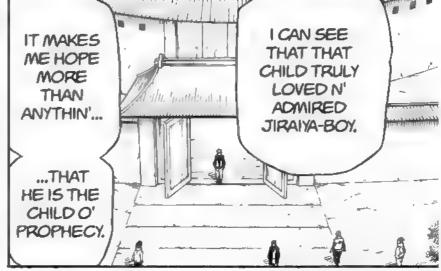












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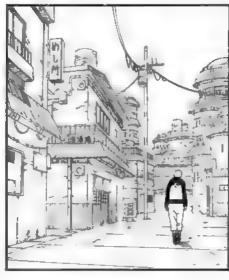










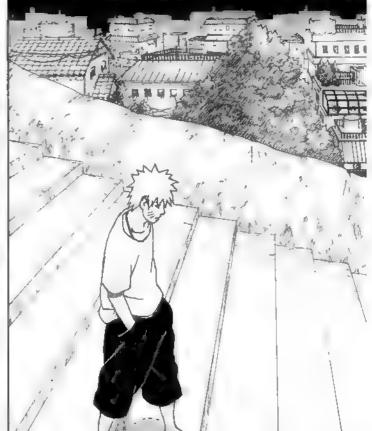




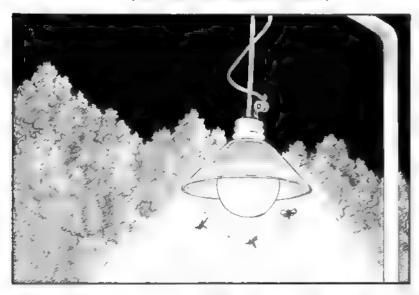




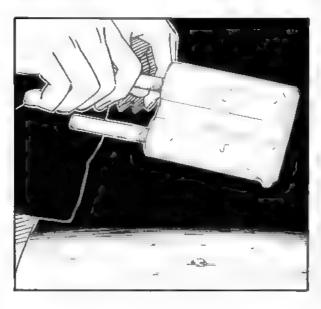


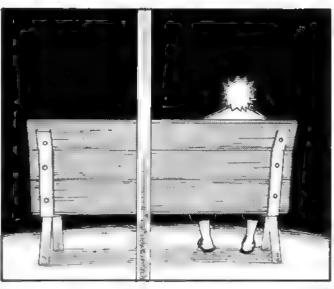


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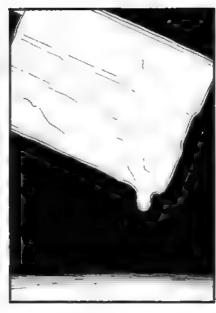














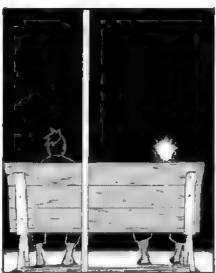










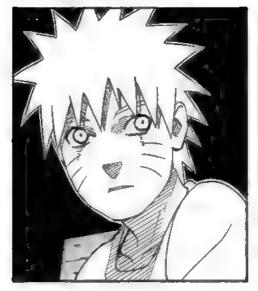






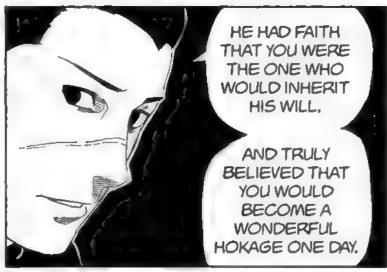




















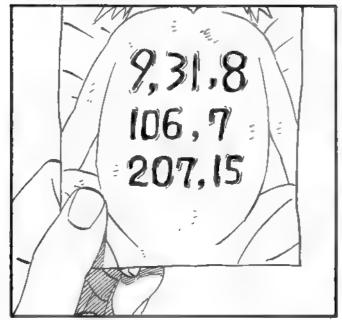


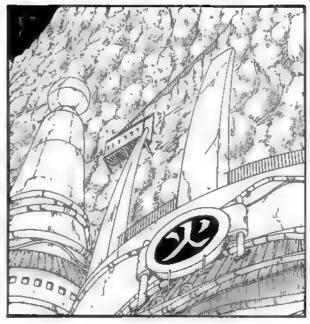














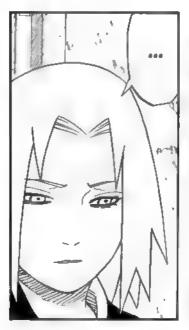












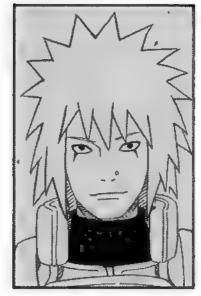








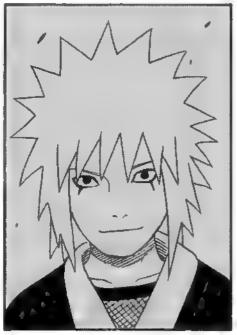






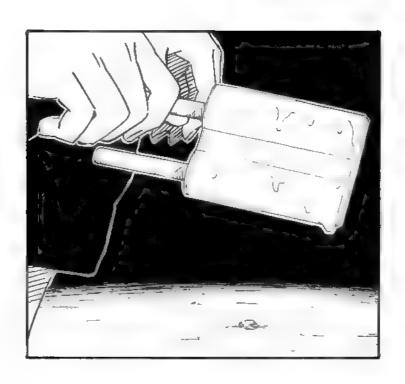






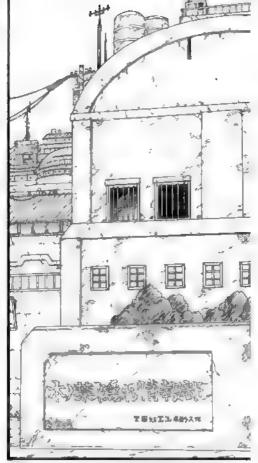










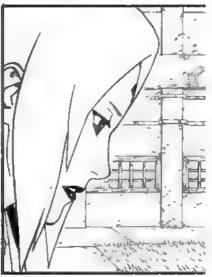


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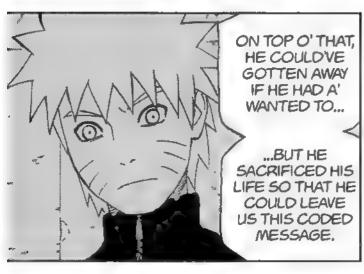


















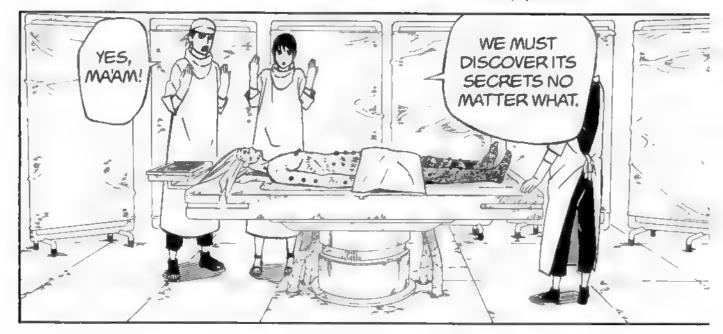


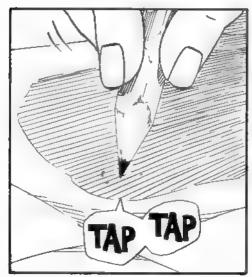






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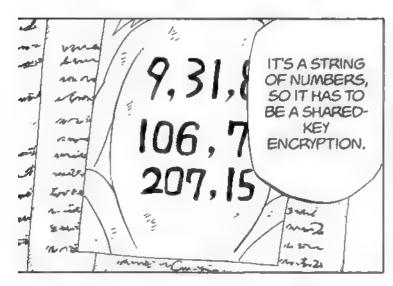


















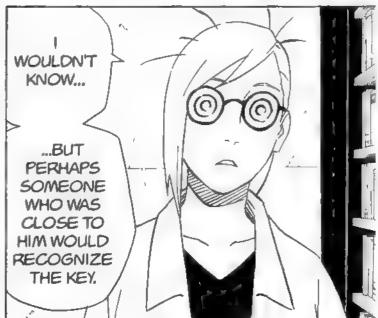












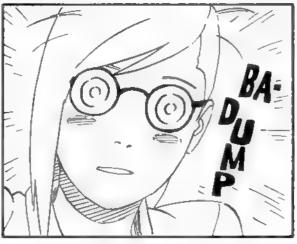








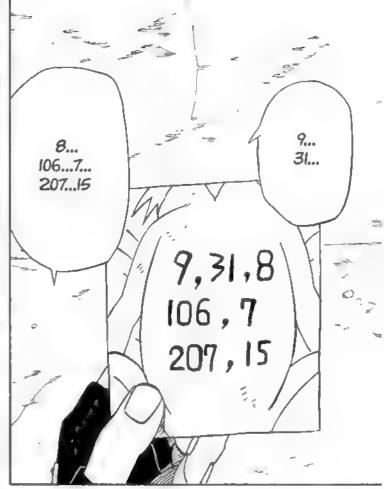








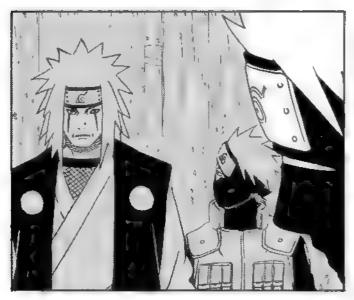
























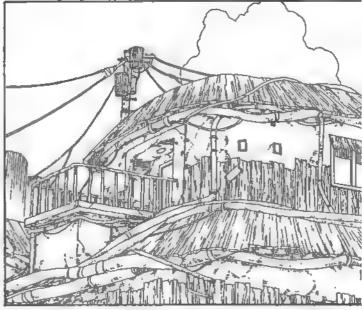


























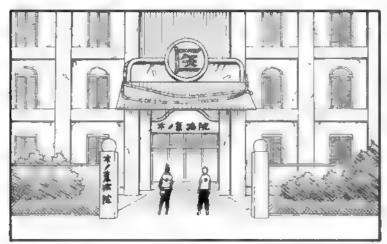














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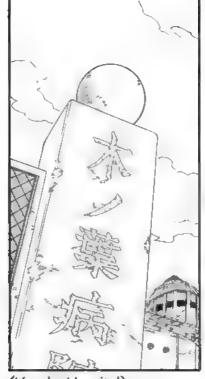
















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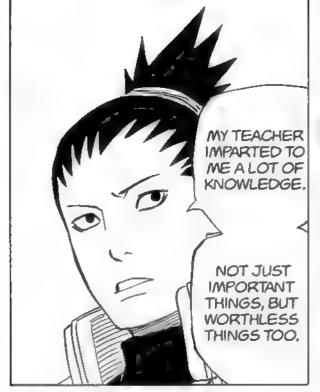








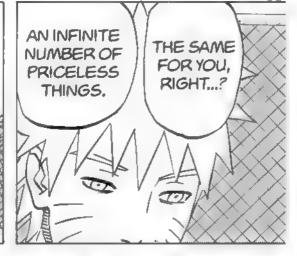














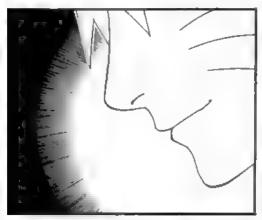


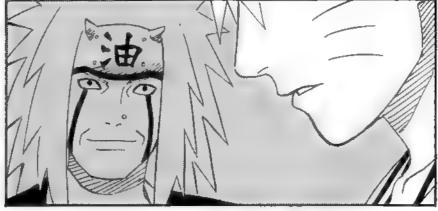


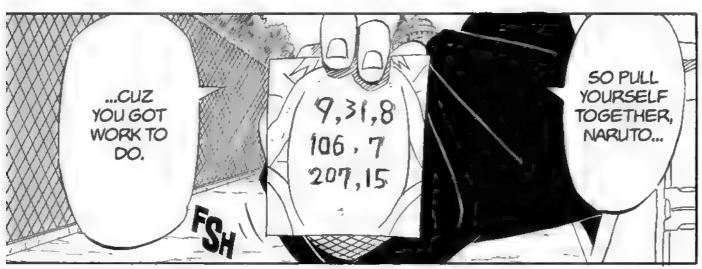




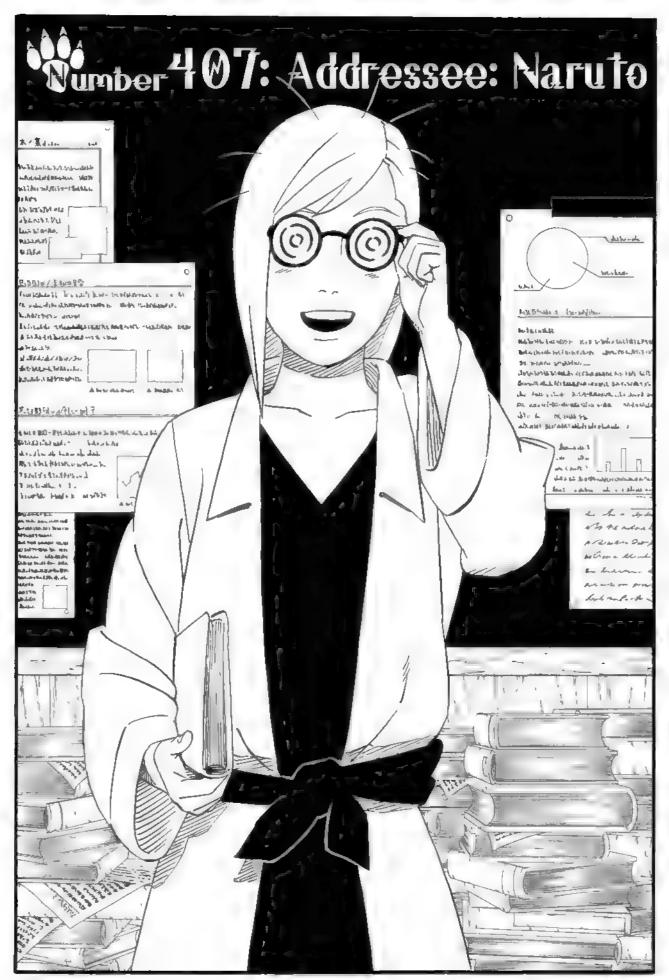










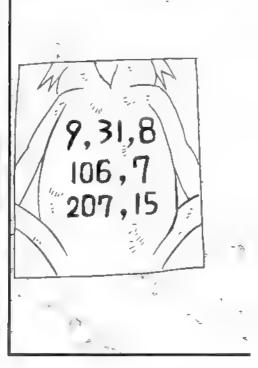






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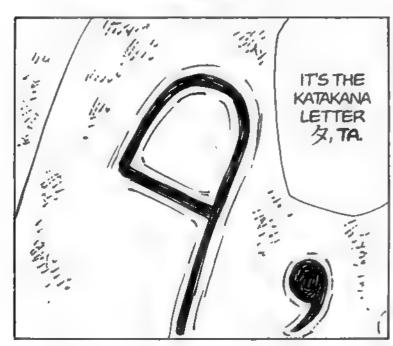


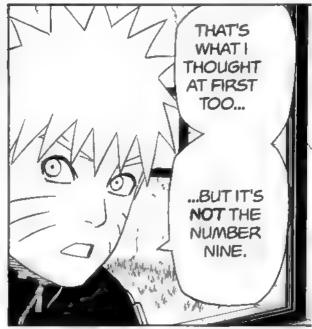


















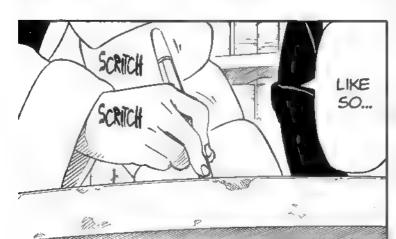




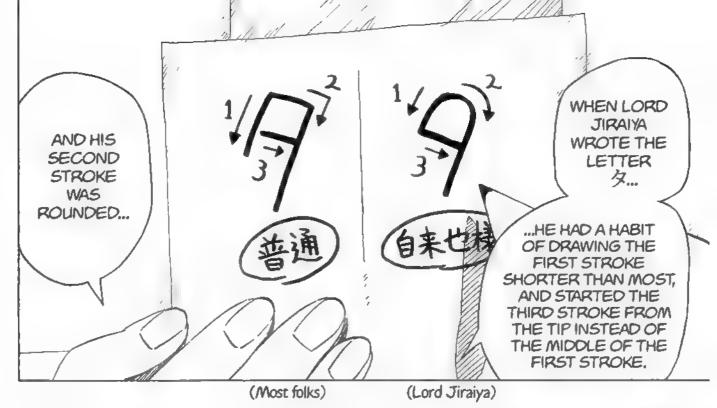


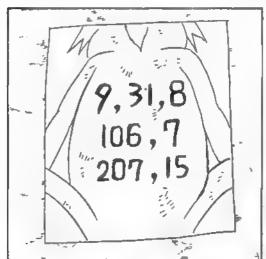


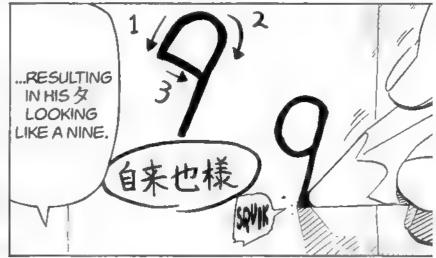












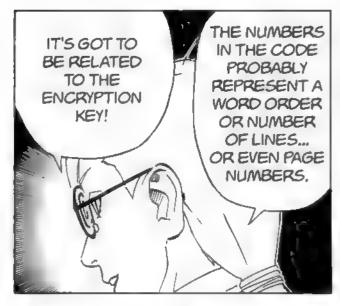






















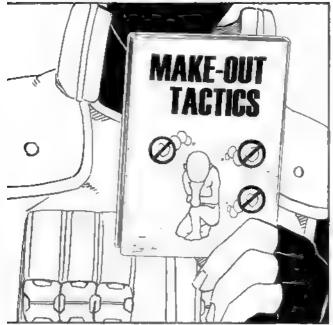


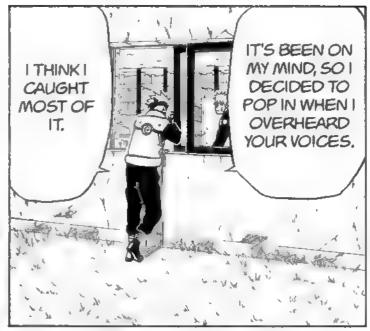






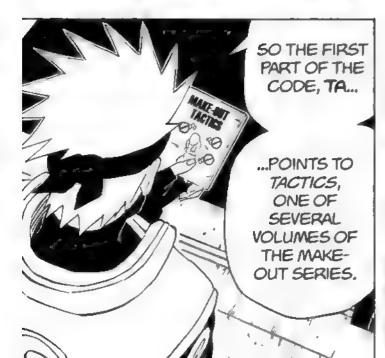


















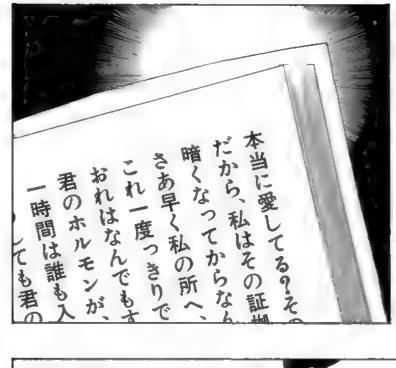




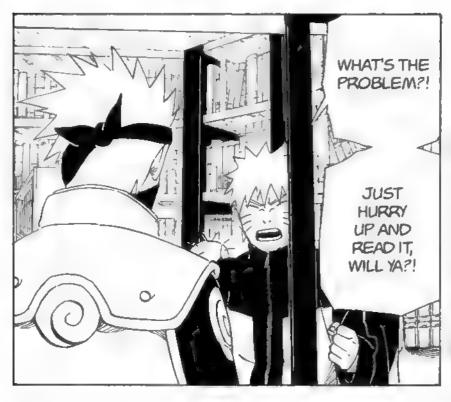




















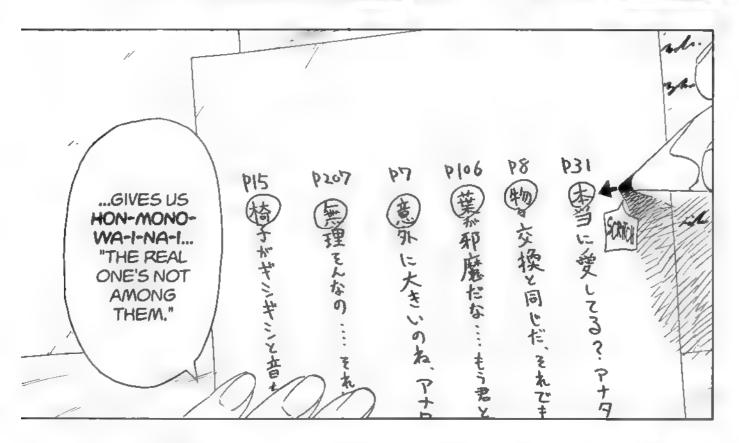




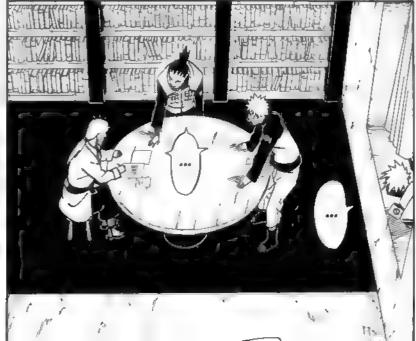






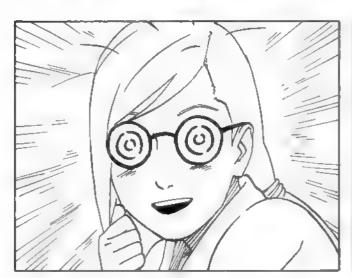




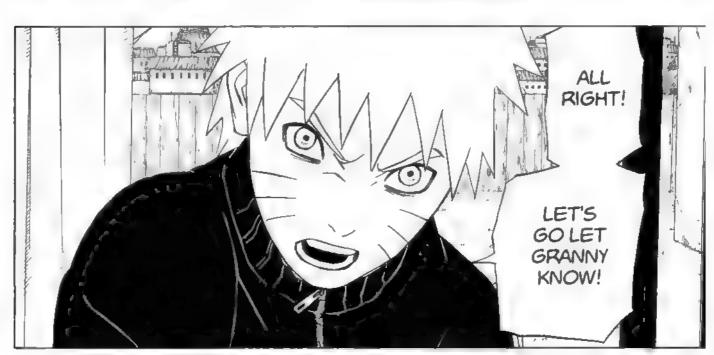




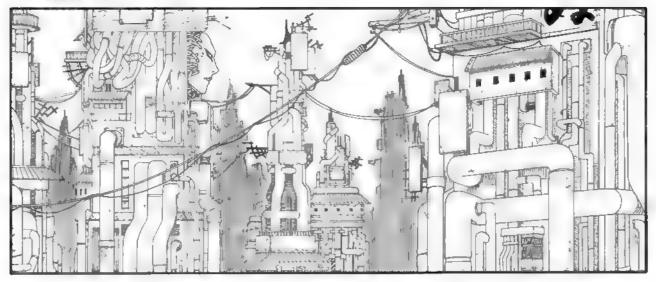


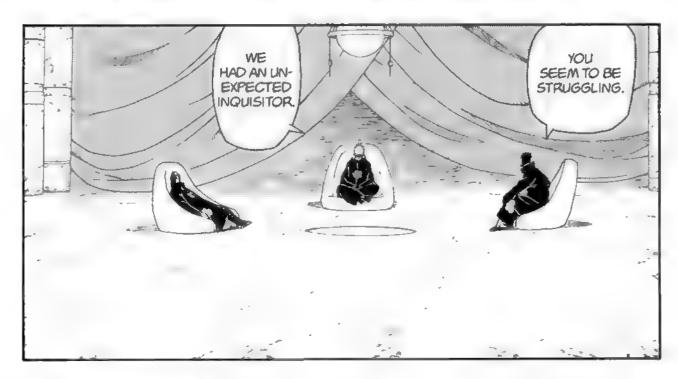
















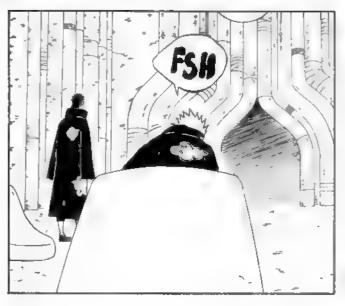








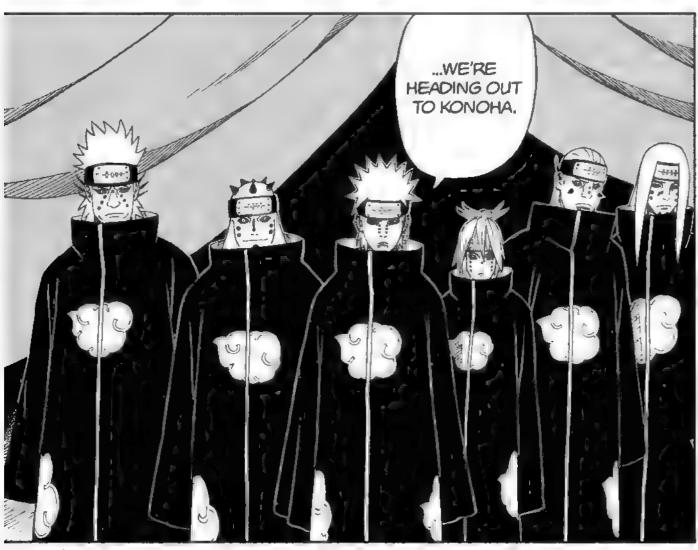




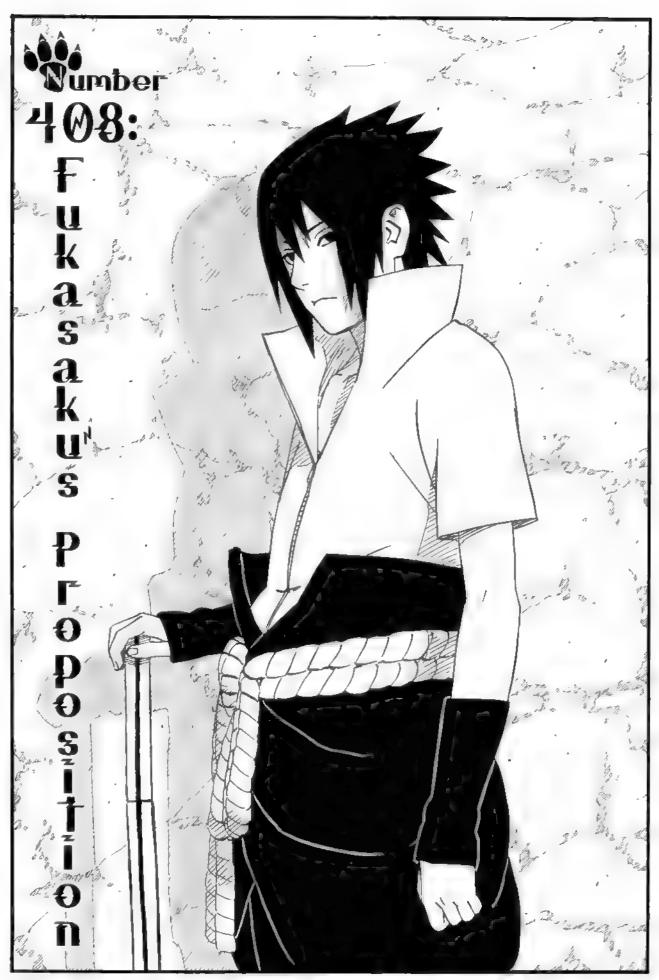














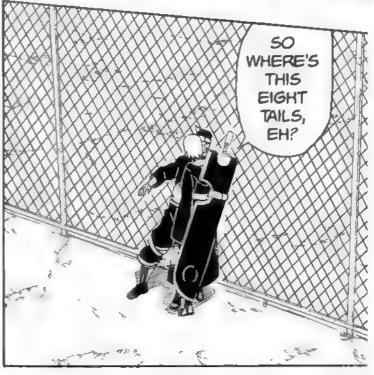




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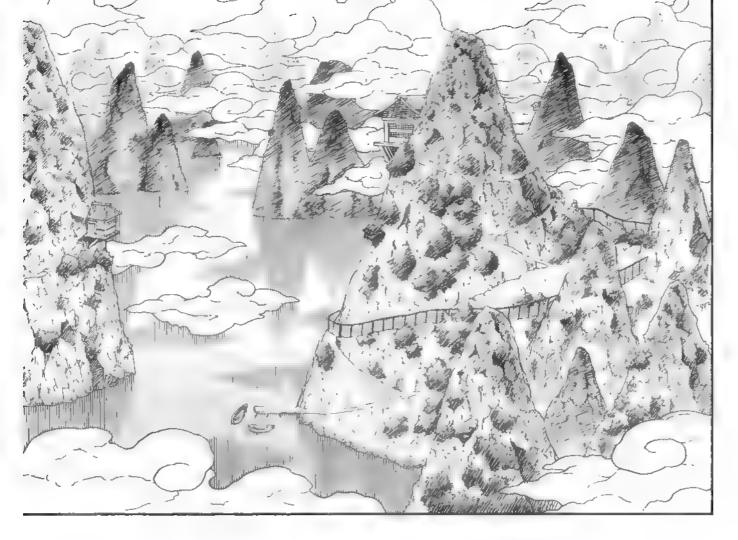


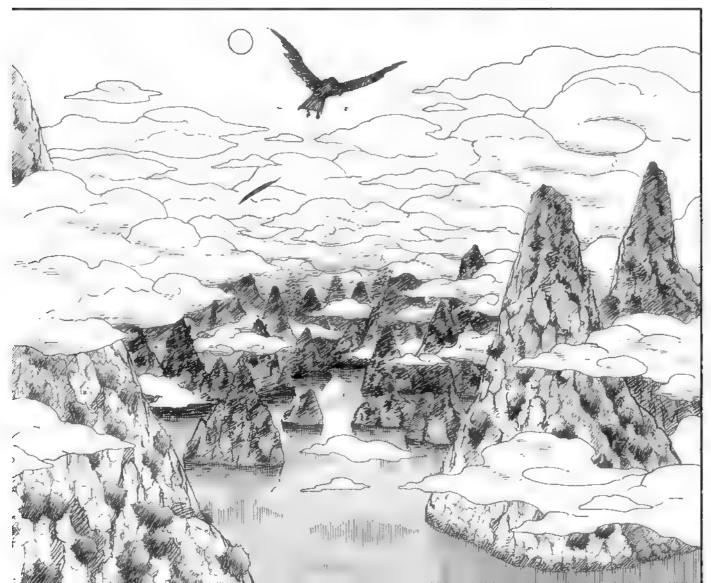




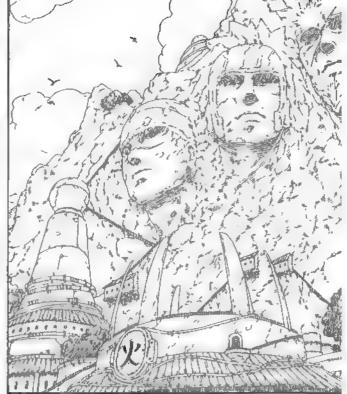










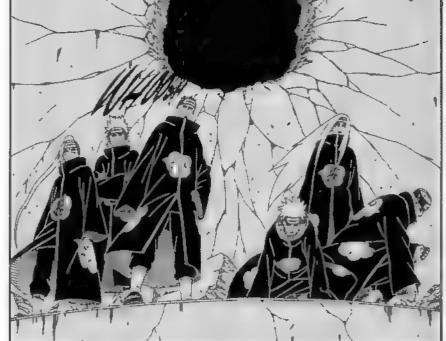
































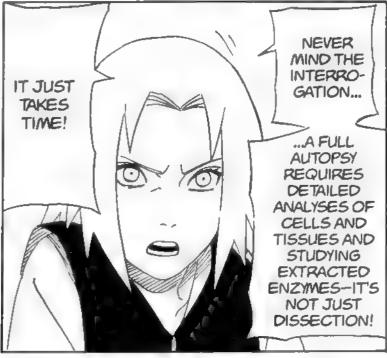












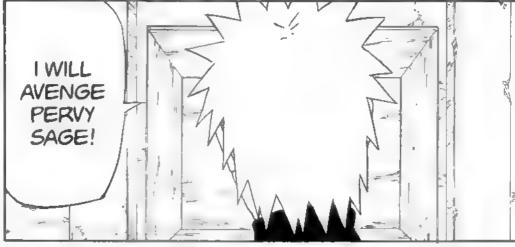


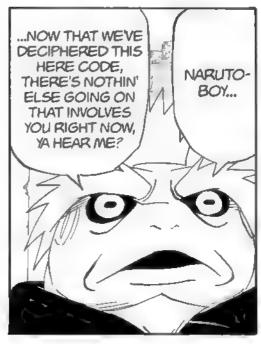


























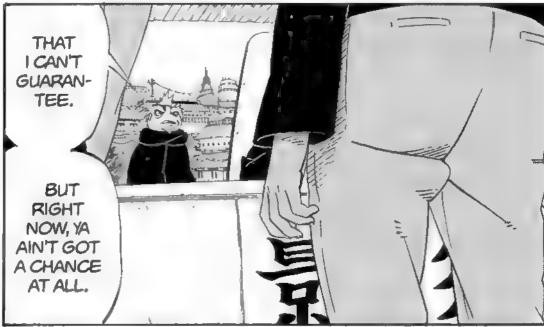










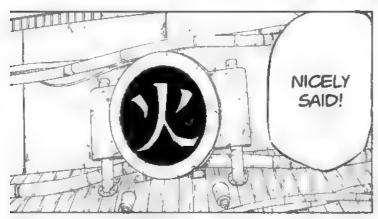




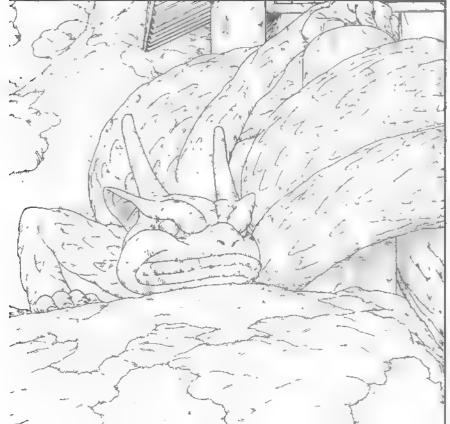




















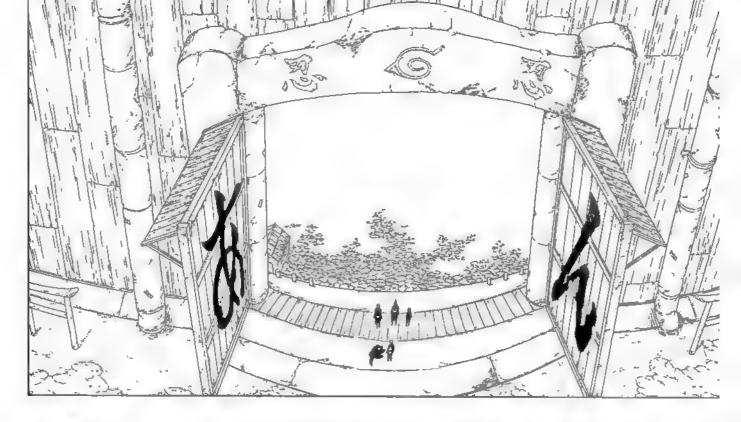


(Storm Cloud Ravine)















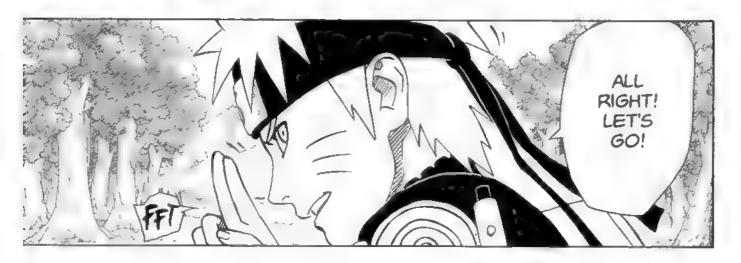












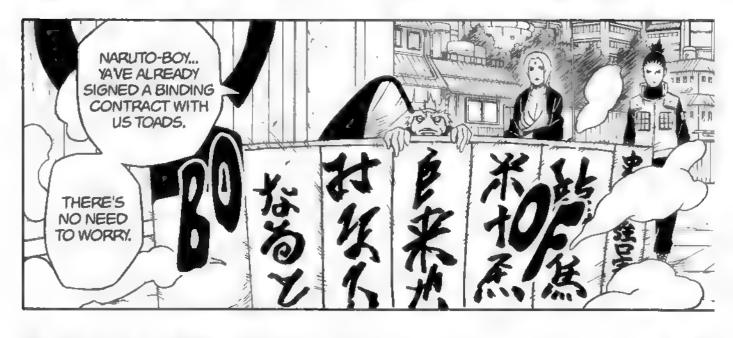


































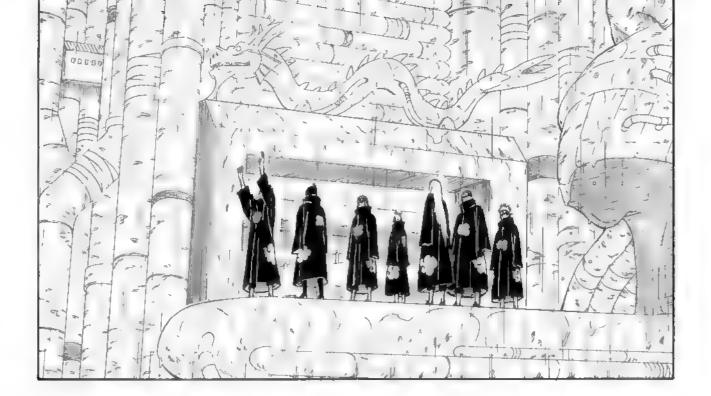










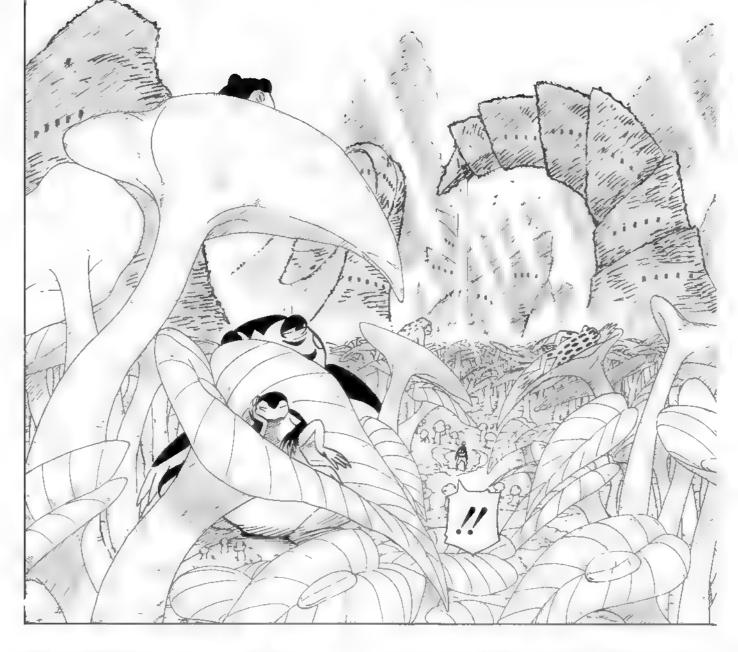
















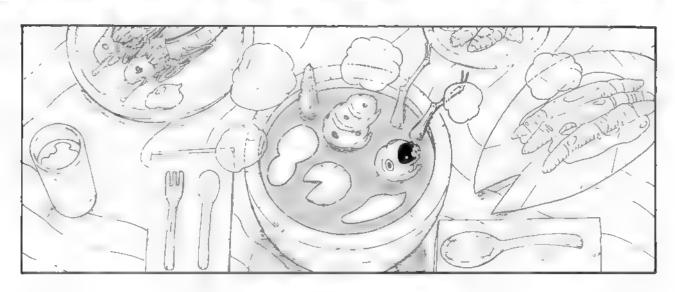




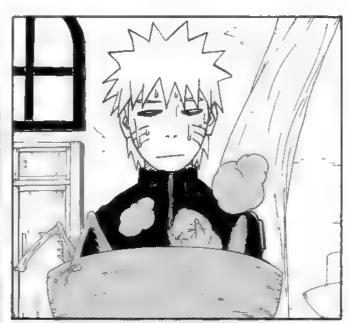


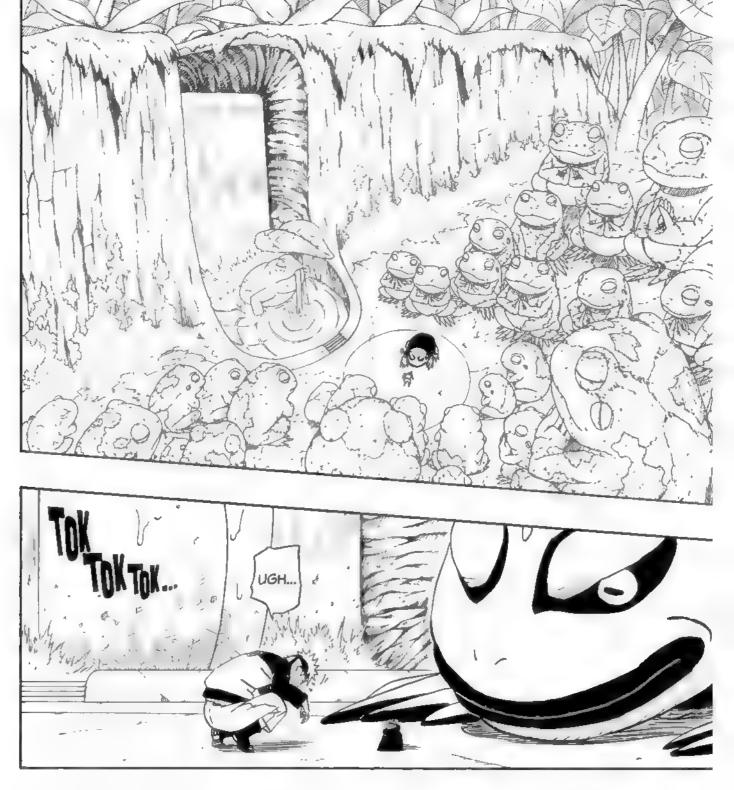












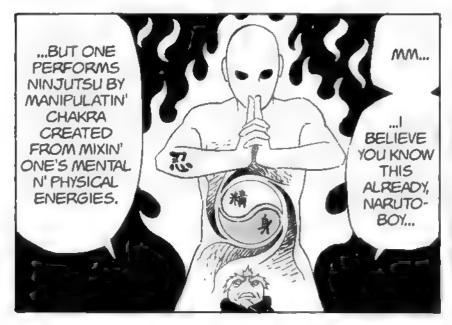






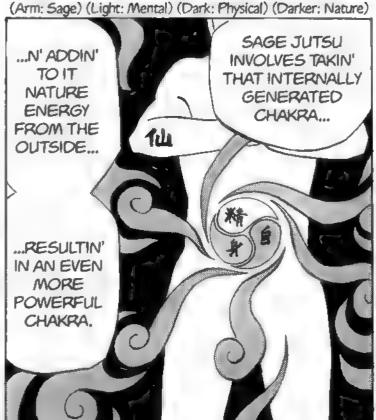




















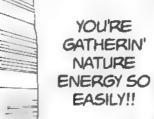














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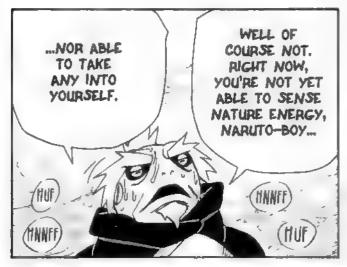


















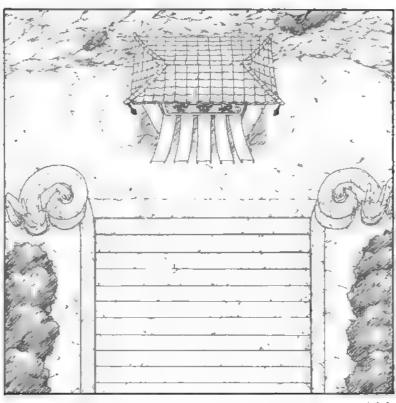


































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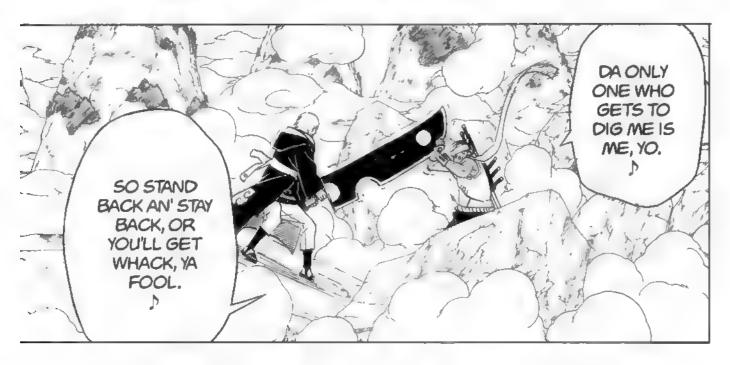










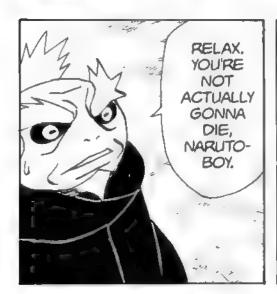




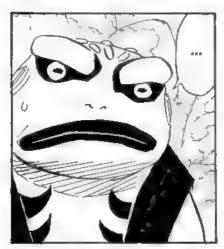






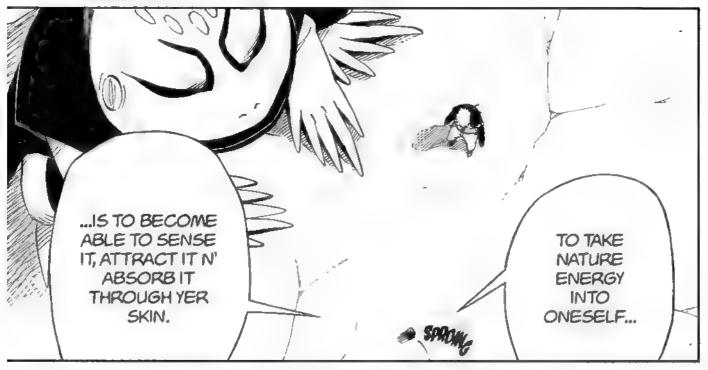












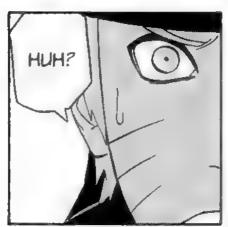














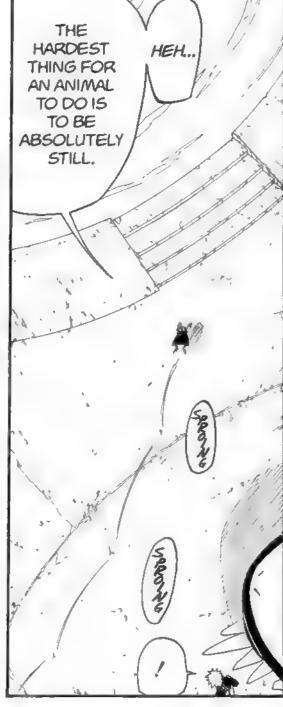




























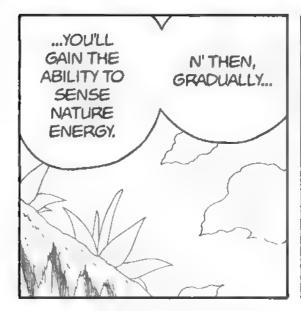


























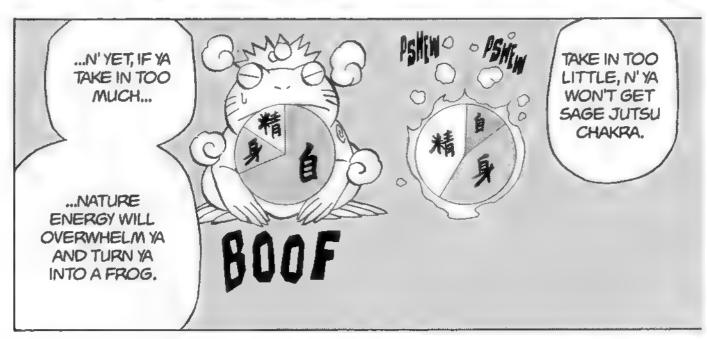








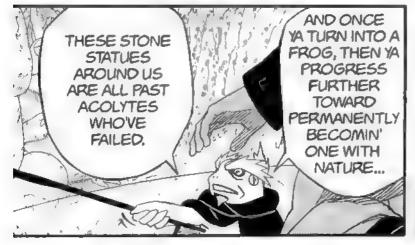


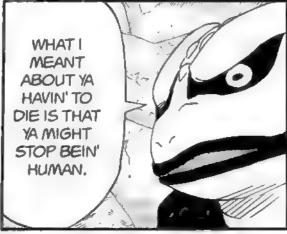


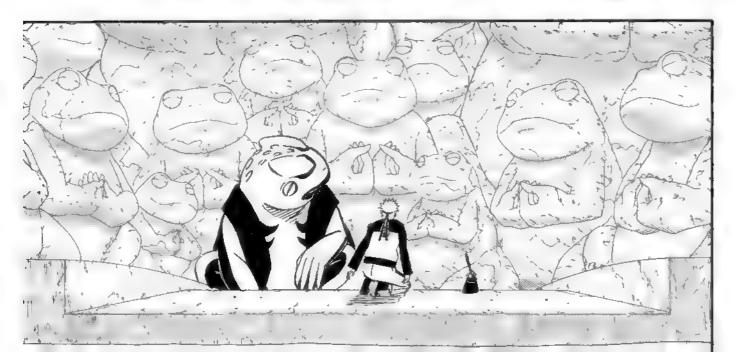












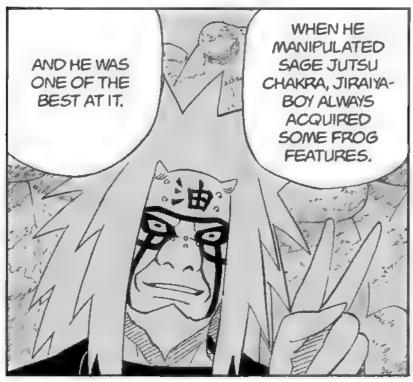






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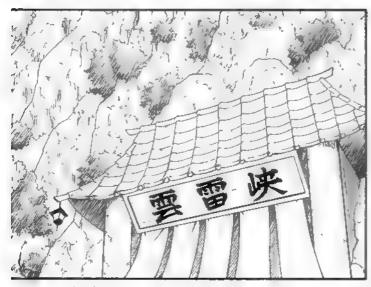
































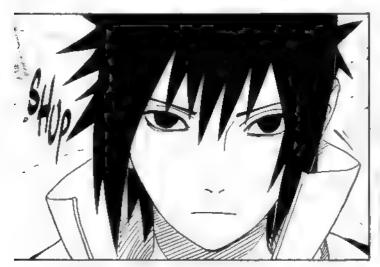




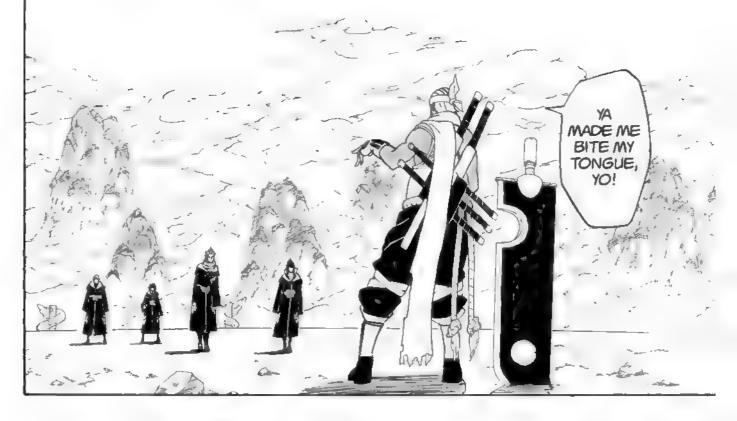
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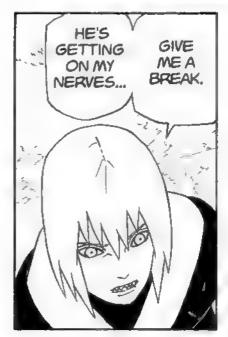
















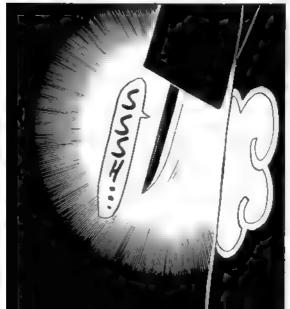


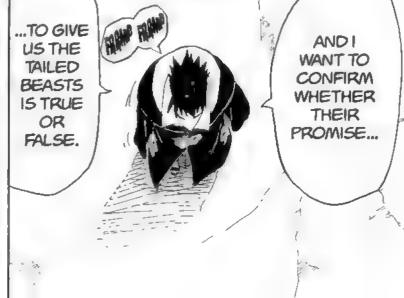








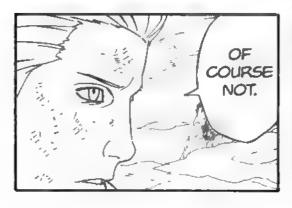






















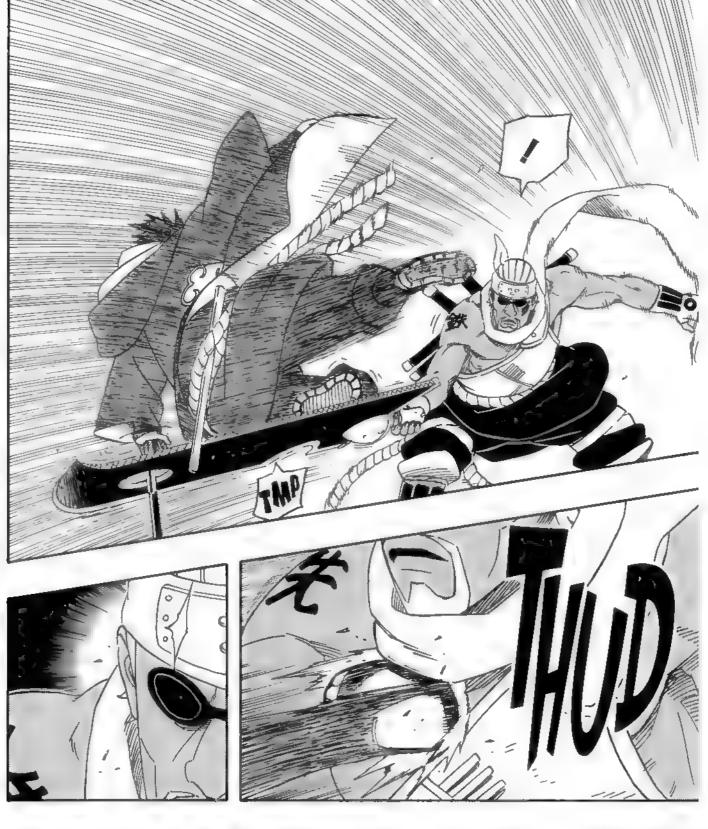


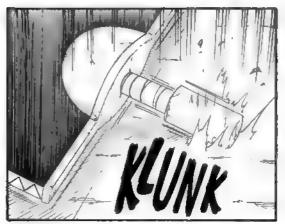


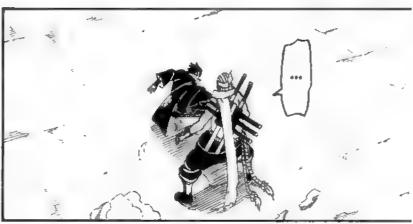


























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